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JDH Grade 4 students Lucas Hillaby, Shealynn Hofkamp, Charlie Reynolds and Aria Smith encourage a turtle during a race as Speaking of Wildlife visited the school May 11. See more photos on page 20. *Photo by Adam Frisk.*

Protecting lake drinking water key to plan

By Mike Baker

A new drinking water source protection plan for the Halls and Hawk lakes system has been completed and Algonquin Highlands deputy mayor, Jennifer Dailloux, believes the project could be scalable County-wide.

It's a first-of-its-kind program in the Highlands, said Shelley Fellows, president of the Halls and Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association (HHLPOA). Commissioned with money provided by the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA), Fellows said the plan outlines several ways waterfront property owners could protect themselves and their lake.

A 60-page report with the tagline "protect every drop" was presented to Algonquin Highlands council May 7.

"Our goal was to understand, identify and communicate where we as individual property owners are within the wider region; what makes Halls [and Hawk] lakes unique; why protecting our drinking water is important; and what responsibilities we have to protect our drinking water," Fellows said.

"We live in a special area and rely on a precious natural resource, our water, to sustain us. We have a responsibility to protect it because the individual choices we make affect it," she added.

The local system was selected alongside two others in Ontario, in Sundridge and Perth, to lead a second phase of a FOCA pilot project seeking to protect valuable and vital sources of drinking water across the province.

Last March, Ontario's auditor general released a report identifying gaps affecting drinking water safety for nearly three million people who rely on non-municipal systems. On Halls and the Hawks, where water is pulled from the lake and surrounding groundwater reserves, there's no legislation requiring upkeep, meaning many systems are untested and unregulated.

HHLPOA started with a survey of its members, completed by 168 of approximately 350 properties on the lake chain. Fellows said she was startled to find that 55 per cent of respondents say they never test their drinking water, with 35 per cent testing annually. She said it's recommended to have drinking water systems tested twice per year at least.

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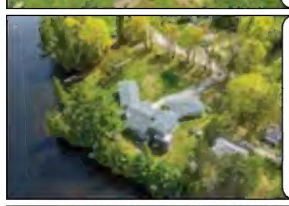

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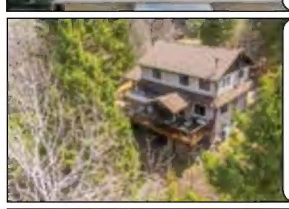

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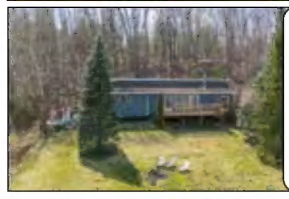

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Water showing signs of decline

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Report's findings

While water clarity has not changed significantly since measurements began in 1990, Fellows said there are several indications water quality has dropped in recent years.

"The system is healthy overall, but vulnerable because it is highly developed around the shoreline and showing signs of declining water quality.

"Historically, there have been higher populations of pollution-tolerant groups (mayflies, dragonflies, damselflies and caddisflies), which means a higher quality of water as these organisms would not be able to survive in low-quality water. Though, between 2020 and 2024, there have been significant decreases in the proportion of these groups in Halls Lake, indicating water quality has decreased," the report reads.

Across five years of measurements, there has been a significant increase in "algal abundance" in the Halls and Hawk system. Of particular concern, Fellows said, is an increase in floating algae, which includes blue-green algae.

HHLPOA identified and mapped the drinking water systems that serve the community and the sources that supply water to those systems. They also tracked vulnerable areas where drinking water sources could be at risk from nearby activities.

"We used publicly-available data to describe and understand the geology, geography, hydrogeology and chemistry. There was a lot of science over the winter," Fellows said.

The top four designated threats to water quality include: activities that reduce aquifer charge, which includes things like increased residential development and destruction of wetlands; problematic septic systems; road salt that runs from nearby Hwy. 35 into the water; and the use of pesticides and fertilizers.

Boat wakes, shoreline erosion, climate change and the Canada Goose were listed as undesignated threats – not listed within Ontario's Clean Water Act.

"These threats can all result in contamination of our drinking water," Fellows said.

To offset the risk, she recommended residents maintain their wells, naturalize their shoreline, keep on top of their septic systems and regularly test and treat their drinking water.

Fellows also advised against things like fogging for mosquitoes.

"Companies indicate it's a plant-based natural product that's used, but it is toxic to all forms of insects. So, in our efforts to reduce biting insects on our property, we're actually causing larger harm, killing off beneficial insects," Fellows said, noting insect population is one of the main indicators used in annual water quality testing through U-Links.

HHLPOA is hosting a plant sale at Elvin Johnson Park May 23, where it will be selling native species people can plant on their property. The group pitched installing some native shrubs at the park, which council approved.

Frank Ingram is one of many residents that supports a new drinking water source protection plan for the chain. *File.*

Renaturalizing shorelines is the easiest way for lake residents to pitch in, with Fellows saying it's important to have at least 80 per cent of growth be native plants.

"Studies show that natural shorelines reduce run-off of surface water directly into the lake and increases filtration through soil and roots, effectively reducing contamination of lake water. They also reduce shoreline erosion, resulting in clearer water," the report reads.

Taking action

Fellows said HHLPOA is developing a water quality self-assessment tool that lake residents can use to identify threats. She noted drinking water test kits are available through Lakelands Public Health.

With eutrophication of the lake a concern, Fellows said the lake association plans to expand its annual monitoring programs.

The report has identified some gaps in data for Halls Lake, Fellows added, with HHLPOA committing to doing more research to assess threats and areas of vulnerability. One of those is the Halls Lake Causeway, which will be the focus of a thesis from a Trent University student in partnership with U-Links.

HHLPOA also plans to launch a water guardian program where those who pledge to take specific actions to protect water quality will receive a medallion, which Dailloux liked.

"I think you've done a beautiful job… we have a lot to learn from your experience here because you're really doing the work," Dailloux said. "I think there's real scale up potential here… where you take this to other lake associations, show them what's been achieved and see if they'd be interested in doing the same."

In closing, Fellows requested the township update its study on lake capacity, completed in 2006, to "better understand development pressure and guide future land use decisions."

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Buzz kill: brace for bad bug biting season

By Adam Frisk
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

With high water levels in the County's waterways and dense forests, residents can expect a "dynamic" biting insect season this year, according to at least one expert.

Author and outdoor educator Rick Whitteker explained that following a wet spring, the abundance of standing and flowing water has created ideal breeding conditions for both mosquitoes and black flies.

"In terms of bugs, mosquitoes like still water and standing water, so there's going to be more of that in the forest, assuming we don't have a drought right off the bat this spring, but it doesn't look like that's going to happen," he said. "So, with dead standing water or still water, mosquito larvae do particularly well, and black flies love clean moving water."

While last year saw high bug activity, Whitteker said the current environmental opportunity provided by the high levels of water suggests a significant population increase might be on our doorstep.

"I'm assuming the black fly population is going to do quite well, because there's still a lot of water in the system, and they need rocky, clean water," he said. "So, larvae can cling to the rock underneath the river, and then eventually float to the surface as an adult black fly."

The author explained that despite the fluctuations in temperatures, including nighttime lows of near-zero degrees, they are unlikely to hinder the population of the biting buggers.

Standing water in Haliburton village following a wet start to spring. *Photo by Adam Frisk.*

"They're all underwater," Whitteker said, noting larvae are protected from air temperature changes.

However, as daytime temperatures rise, the rate of metamorphosis accelerates, which could lead to an earlier onset of the season.

"For the most part, with these bugs, it's about temperature," Whitteker said. "The warmer the temperatures, the earlier they're going to be able to metamorphosize or change. If you get a warm spring, then you're looking at a more dynamic population."

To help protect yourself from the biting bug season, the expert suggested wearing light-coloured clothing, and do the tick-tuck (tucking pant legs into socks) before heading out to prevent ticks from reaching the skin.

"It's dawn and dusk when they're most active," Whitteker said. "Mosquitoes, in particular, just thrive in warm, humid conditions. So if you have a sunny breezy day, that's a much better prognosis for a bug-free experience than a day that's damp and warm."

As spring progresses, the expert also said it's important to distinguish between biting pests and beneficial insects and that some personal research may be required before using broad-spectrum pesticides, as many bugs and other creepy crawlies play an important role in fertilizing crops and gardens.

"Don't just assume any bug is a bad bug," Whitteker said. "They have specific roles that they're playing to pollinate... and actually fertilize our vegetables and our flowers."

Going...gone

The Lochlin Community Centre has been demolished to make way for a new build in the Minden Hills hamlet. Quantum Passivhaus will soon construct a pre-fabricated building at the site. It will be approximately 1,790 sq. ft. with an 850 sq. ft. conference room, two washrooms with at least one disabled-compliant stall each, a kitchen, storage, and an aluminum roof. (*Lisa Gervais) Photo submitted by Kelly-Ann Pazos.*

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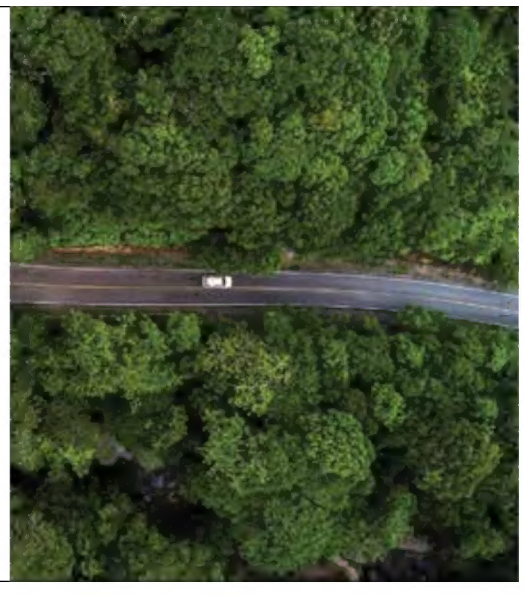

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DYSART ET AL NEWS

Motion to rename office

Dysart et al deputy mayor Walt McKechnie believes outgoing mayor Murray Fearrey deserves recognition for his years of service to the community, proposing the township building at 135 Maple Ave. be named in his honour.

McKechnie provided notice of motion at Dysart's April 28 meeting, with the proposal to be discussed by council at its May 26 meeting.

"Mayor Fearrey has been involved in municipal politics for over 50 years and has left his mark on many positive community developments in that time. He's contributed his whole life to this municipality," McKechnie said.

While admitting he was humbled, Fearrey said he doesn't want any special attention after calling time on his political career at age 84.

Coun. Nancy Wood-Roberts suggested it might be more appropriate to rename council chambers after Fearrey instead, but McKechnie was unmoved.

"What person has done more for this community than Murray? My vote is for his name to go up on the building," the deputy mayor said.

Building momentum

Haliburton Gymnastics' founder Kathy Judson has checked another thing off her to-do list after council last week approved the rezoning for her new gym at 367 Industrial Park Rd.

The 8,000 sq. ft. space is being repurposed into a professional gymnastics facility, fitted with a spring floor, beams, bars, trampoline, vault and climbing wall. It will provide recreational and competitive gymnastics programming to the community.

The rezoning has to go through a 20-day appeal period, which began May 1. Judson hopes to secure a building permit to begin construction June 1. A soft opening has been scheduled for Aug. 4, with a grand opening Sept. 12.

After raising $119,000 to date, there are four fundraisers coming up to help Judson reach her $175,000 goal – May 22 at the Haliburton Legion; May 29 at McFadden's Meat Market in Haliburton, with Boshkung Smokehouse partnering; May 29 to 31 they will have a booth at the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show; and an event at the Bonnie View Inn June 27.

Crosswalk proceeds

Council is moving ahead with plans to install a crosswalk on Highland Street in front of the Hook, Line and Sinker restaurant.

Council debated the installation last December, with officials concerned about public safety with people routinely having to dodge traffic to cross the road between the restaurant and municipal parking lot at Head Lake Park.

There was also talk of rehabilitating the entire section of road, though council opted against spending money on engineering after public works director, Rob Camelon, said the project would likely cost around $700,000.

A proposal to rename the Dysart et al municipal building after outgoing mayor Murray Fearrey will be tabled at the township's May 26 meeting. *File.*

Instead, council opted to retain Engage Engineering for $9,500 to complete the crosswalk design. Camelon said he would bring costs to council this summer.

Later in the meeting, planning director Jeff Iles informed council that Hook, Line and Sinker had requested a refund on $18,000 it paid to the municipality in lieu of parking to facilitate a patio extension at the restaurant. Iles said ownership has told the township the renovation is no longer happening.

The eatery had wanted to add 30 seats via a new upstairs patio.

On the board

Election season has officially gotten under way in Dysart, with the township's first registered nominee revealed.

Carm Saywer is seeking re-election in Ward 4. He beat out three competitors for the seat in the 2022 election, securing 568 votes.

The municipal election takes place Oct. 26. *(Dysart et al news compiled by Mike Baker)*

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Benton Brown and his father, Greg Brown, at the Stothart Creek site in Haliburton. *Photo by Adam Frisk.*

Waiving HST on new homes to boost Highlands economy

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton County-based builders, Brown + Co, said a decision by the provincial government to waive the HST for any new home purchased, to become a principal residence, is "a very exciting announcement.

"We're surprised, and delighted, such extreme measures are going to be taken to boost new home sales," Benton Brown told *The Highlander* in a recent interview.

Brown+Co's Stothart Creek has been building and selling Tarion Warranty homes in Haliburton for more than a decade and Brown said the news has the potential to save people $130,000 on a $1 million home.

On May 5, the province officially introduced the HST Relief Implementation Act to support 13 per cent relief on eligible new homes. The program is in partnership with the federal government.

The province said the initiative would provide buyers of most new homes in Ontario with up to $130,000 in relief and could stimulate an additional 8,000 housing starts next year, support up to 21,000 jobs, and boost Ontario's GDP growth by $2.7 billion.

"We're already seeing the positive impact of our commitment to remove the HST from most new homes, with more shovels in the ground on new homes across Ontario," minister of finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy, said. He added, "our government will continue fighting to lower costs for homebuyers, keep the dream of homeownership alive in Ontario, and keep workers in our construction sector on the job."

Buyers of eligible new homes valued at $1 million or less would receive the full 13 per cent relief, to a maximum of $130,000. Buyers of eligible homes at $1 million to $1.5 million would see relief of $130,000. For homes valued above $1.5 million, the HST relief would decline gradually to a maximum of $24,000 for homes of $1.85 million or more.

While applications for HST relief are not open at this time, those who meet the relevant eligibility criteria can apply once it launches. For example, purchasers of an eligible home acquired on, or after, April 1, 2026, and on, or before, March 31, 2027, would be able to apply at a later date to receive the HST relief, even though the application process has not yet opened.

Impact on real estate

The proposed legislation also includes provisions that would enable buyers to assign the top-up to builders so that sellers can take the full HST relief amount off the price of a new home up front. The government continues to work with the federal government to implement the HST relief through federal regulatory changes and has asked the feds to administer the full HST relief program through the Canada Revenue Agency.

The measures build on existing provincial housing tax supports to help increase the supply of affordable homes, support housing development and foster a robust housing industry across Ontario. This includes removing the full eight per cent provincial portion of the HST on qualifying purpose-built rental housing. The province is also providing historic housing-enabling infrastructure funding through the $4 billion Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program and the $1.2 billion Building Faster Fund, which rewards eligible municipalities that make real progress in getting shovels in the ground to build new homes.

Brown said his company has fared "quite well" through a difficult post-COVID housing market, plagued by tariffs and high building prices. He estimated their costs are up 35 per cent. He said it's left some contractors and sub-contractors looking for work, while some builders have paused construction. "It's really tough out there."

He said last Tuesday's announcement is "a targeted shot in the arm for new builds, and hopefully has a good impact on the economy. I think the cost is the catalyst of why this announcement has come out."

Brown said it will be interesting to see what impact the new rebate has on the Highlands' real estate market, since a lot of people might be interested in saving HST on a new home but have to sell an existing one in a saturated housing market. He added people looking to buy will be more attracted to a new home with the potential of saving on HST versus an existing home that is not included.

"I don't think it's a stretch to say it's a once-in-a lifetime opportunity in terms of potentially saving a considerable amount of money and getting a head start on the equity in your home."

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Charles Wheeler, chair of the Skyline Park project committee. *Photo by Adam Frisk.*

Rotary set to tackle phase two of Skyline

By Adam Frisk
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Haliburton Rotary Club is moving into the second phase of the Skyline Park restoration project, with a 2027 completion date still on target.

Charles Wheeler, chair of the Skyline Park project committee, said that despite some logistical shifts, the project remains on budget and on schedule for the 2026 construction season.

A main component of this year's work is the construction of a second timber-frame picnic shelter. While the first shelter was completed through Diezel Woodworks and Haliburton School of Art + Design, the club had to pivot this year.

"Unfortunately, another municipality has snagged Diezel Woodworks to do a timber frame structure for themselves," Wheeler explained, with Algonquin Highlands securing the firm for a gazebo project at the Dorset Heritage Museum. "So, we're just in the process of evaluating bids from five different companies to build a second picnic shelter."

A winning bid was expected to be finalized in April, followed by manufacturing, and installation planned for July or August.

A second component slated for completion this summer is the year-round, fully accessible washroom building that the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) committed to supplying, saving Rotary about $65,000 in capital costs.

"We originally asked the province to help fund us, and they originally said no," Wheeler said. But with the assistance of Laurie Scott, our local MPP, she was able to convince the Ministry of Transportation, which owns Skyline Park, to take on the washroom building."

The facility will replace the seasonal Porta-Potties that were used from May through October, providing a permanent solution for year-round visitors, including winter snowmobilers.

Further accessibility upgrades include the new upper viewing platform, constructed from donated granite, to allow those with mobility challenges to still enjoy the view without having to navigate the steep slope to the lower viewing area of the park.

Also on the list for the 2026 season is the installation of the six historical display boards that include the history of Skyline Park and an Indigenous land acknowledgement. The panels were funded through a $15,000 partnership between the Rotary Club, Haliburton County, and the Municipality of Dysart et al.

Wheeler said that the project remains on budget at $200,000, with the MTO assuming the cost of the washroom facilities; the Rotary's net financial responsibility is about $135,000.

The Rotarian said that the work done to date was the result of significant volunteer labour.

"It has been a real Rotary team effort to get the project to this point, including the Skyline Park project committee and the many other Rotary Club volunteers who assisted on site when needed," Wheeler said.

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Happy 2-4

By Lisa Gervais

It's only May 14 – and, yet, here we are with our Victoria Day newspaper.

The statutory holiday in honour of the late queen falls on Monday, May 18 this year.

I don't know about you, but it hasn't felt much like summer – let alone spring – around these parts.

I only got my snow tires off a week ago. Chatting with friends, family and acquaintances, there is a lot of weather-slamming. Around the water cooler, there's lots of "geez, it's cold out there" and "is summer ever going to come?"

My neighbour told me over dinner this week that it's supposed to be a cool, wet season. We're not talking any more.

I'm going for a little getaway to Pancake Bay Provincial Park next week. They delayed opening this year due to snow and ice.

I haven't even swapped my glass of red wine on weekend evenings for a pint of beer. What's the point?

However, calling up the weather forecast as I write this, I see a strange pattern developing: there is partial sun Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and temperatures of 21C, 22C and 20C. Monday looks like rain, but it's still calling for 21C.

Is it finally here?

One thing is certain. Come Friday, we will start to see our cottagers return in droves for the traditional May 24 cottage opening. The roads will be filled with people pulling trailers full of stuff, and hauling boats. The stores will get a little busier. Kawartha Dairy will see its barriers up to accommodate the extra traffic.

Some of us locals have been a bit worried about the summer season. We've had the delayed weather. The gas prices have been all over the place, but trending quite high in recent days. Is this going to be a deterrent to would-be travellers?

We know our realtors are nervous. The 2026 cottage season is being characterized by a 'wait-and-see' market with high inventory and softer prices. It's offering better opportunities for buyers compared to pandemic highs.

While demand for recreational properties remains resilient, economic uncertainty and high operating costs are shifting the market toward a more balanced, less frenzied, buyer-friendly environment.

What does all of this mean for retailers, and others who depend on the summer season to boost their businesses and get them through the leaner months?

We believe cottage country tourism will boom in 2026. With the price of jet fuel, far fewer people are going to get on airplanes and fly internationally and domestically.

We think they'll opt for staycations instead, with Haliburton County, Muskoka, the Kawarthas and places such as the Bruce Peninsula being top destinations.

We anticipate visitors will look for waterfront rentals, focusing on nature-based experiences, like boating, fishing and hiking.

Looking at the events calendar in the *Highlander Handbook*, there is a summer-full of stuff to keep folks coming, whether it's the fly-in to spring at Stanhope Municipal Airport May 23 right through to Pride festivities in late August.

It's shaping up to be another fine summer in the Highlands. Let's just hope Mother Nature comes to play.

You make no census

By Adam Frisk

I would like to extend my congratulations to all those who were wearing a tinfoil hat for the past two weeks.

I'm speaking directly to those who did not fill out the census form. Good on you, you really stuck it to the man. Not only did you stick it to the feds, but you also stuck it to yourself, your neighbour, and, more importantly, your community. Well done.

Every five years, Canadians are required by law to complete the census or face a $500 fine for non-compliance and up to $1,000 for not providing requested documents. And it seems this time around, the census has been viewed as one of the most dangerous documents that Canadians have been asked to complete.

For the last two weeks, social media has been littered with photos of fellow countrymen marking up their forms with black sharpies, writing things like "return to sender," "FREEDOM," and "don't tread on me."

Like rain on your wedding day, I can't help but find some irony with these people taking to social media to gripe about their privacy and not wanting big brother to know where they live and what they've been up to. This logic makes absolutely no census.

To worry about the government "tracking you" through a twice-a-decade population count while using a smartphone, which you carry into the bathroom, that is recording your heart rate, shopping habits, and exact GPS co-ordinates and sharing this information to three or four different tech giants, is laughable.

Sure, one could argue that people opt into sharing this information through the pages of legal documents that no one ever reads before signing up to things like Facebook, while the public is mandated to complete the census.

There's a reason why we are required to fill out this document. It's not for any political party; it's for Statistics Canada to get a better understanding of the community you live in so it can figure out where funding and services should go. It's for hospitals and other forms of health care. It's for transit, education, and housing. It provides demographic information that helps propel communities forward. When you refuse to fill out the form, it makes your community look smaller, which in turn leads to fewer services, longer wait times, and further underfunding.

Not filling out the census won't get rid of the prime minister, and it's not the flex you think it is. By refusing to participate, you aren't just protecting your "identity" or "privacy"; you're actively contributing to an unpredictable future for your community.

So, when the fire department takes an extra 10 minutes to find your house because the outdated maps didn't account for the new subdivision, just remember you opted not to do your civic duty.

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Emergency climate action plan needed

Dear editor,

What should we make of Ford Nation's Ontario Corp advertising blitz and the messages those ads project?

The creation of Ontario Corps was announced in December 2024 with the following mandate …"Ontario Corps brings Ontarians together with a single, powerful mission: to unite our province in times of crisis and protect the people who call it home. Whether it's a severe storm, flood, wildfire, or any other emergency, we're building a province that's prepared and resilient."

The Ford government wants people to 'answer the call' to volunteer climate emergency action it's already hung up on. As anyone paying attention knows, Ford recently ditched his own 'Made in Ontario' greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and walked away from any serious attempt at climate change adaptation or emergency planning.

Ignoring the increasingly urgent calls by climate scientists for fast and deep cuts to climate-killing carbon pollution, the Ford government has embraced an energy plan that will significantly increase those emissions.

In the place of an all-of-government mobilization to address the cause and impacts of climate disruption, we get a volunteer program reliant on community and corporate sponsors.

It is very tempting to write off Ontario Corps and the advertising blitz as another cynical exercise in performative politics by a climate emergency-denying regime led by the 'gravy plane' grifter.

I think it's more dangerous than that. Calling on people to join a volunteer effort to do what government refuses to, effectively privatizes and individualizes the responsibility to manage the ecocidal fallout of a crisis they didn't cause and are incapable of 'solving'.

That's why we have governments - to do what we cannot do acting as isolated individuals in our spare time.

Ontario needs a government willing to create and act on an Emergency Climate Action Plan at a scale equal to the crisis we're facing.

Terry Moore
Algonquin Highlands

Haliburton fire-readiness

Dear editor,

While local lake associations can't really 'combat climate change' (controlling the weather is beyond our reach, but adapting to change isn't), they certainly can play a leadership role when it comes to wildfires.

It's unfortunate that Parks Canada didn't take the forest/property management suggestions presented by CHA and MNR seriously with respect to Jasper National Park.

Here in Haliburton, we are fortunate to have Haliburton Forest as our neighbour, as they are renowned for their stewardship of the 100,000 acres they own plus other Crown Forest areas in Ontario. We also benefit from Stanhope Municipal Airport being a base for MNR firefighting equipment and flight patrols.

Mr. Frisk's article was welcome because property owners need to be aware of, and prepared for, the threats posed by wildfires in rural areas by managing their adjacent forest and potential wildfire fuels.

However, the article did not mention what residents and local government can do proactively to reduce/eliminate the threat of wildfires before they start.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Who's who...David Partridge snapped this image of an owl visiting his Haliburton home.

Example: Last week, the STR renters next to our cottage thought it was ok to light a lakeside bonfire despite the howling onshore wind. By 4 a.m. (yes, 4 a.m.) the fire was large enough to wake us and embers were being blown onto the property and adjacent forested land. Only the dampness of the ground cover following the final snow melt prevented a fire from starting.

I mention this because education about managing bonfires (wind speed and direction) seems to be lacking, especially when it comes to visitors/renters who are too often careless, intoxicated, or uneducated about fire prevention. Last summer, the Dysart fire department responded to an out-of-control bonfire on our lake.

Finally, regulation of the use and sale of fireworks is another proactive measure not to be overlooked.

Dave Love
Haliburton Lake

Congratulations to your Highlander for wins at the Ontario Community Newspaper Association (OCNA) awards April 24.

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Thirds – best sports photo; best sports section
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Highlander news

Add a row to combat rising food costs

By Adam Frisk
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

In an effort to combat rising food costs, one organization is asking residents to add an extra row to their vegetable gardens this spring.

SIRCH, a local non-profit dedicated to supporting vulnerable populations, launched its grow-a-row initiative, asking those with a green thumb to plant a few extra seeds for the organization. While executive director, Gena Robertson, sees the program as a way to combat rising costs, food security coordinator, Joanne Paquin, views it as a bridge for the organization to continue supporting the community.

"We're donation-based, so if we don't get the money to purchase [food], then we can't produce as many meals," Paquin explained. "Supplementing with gardening is a great way to fill that gap."

Since SIRCH already uses indoor grow towers for their leafy greens, the grow-a-row initiative will focus on the hardier root vegetables to help stock the winter pantry.

"There are many reasons for the specific vegetables," Paquin said. "First off, they're root vegetables that are easy to process and preserve throughout the winter. If they're held in cold storage, like potatoes, onions, squash, and beets, they don't need to be refrigerated, and we can keep them for months."

Robertson explained that SIRCH prepares and distributes more than 1,700 meals every month to those in need at no charge.

"Prices are rising, and we get no base funding for this project," she said. "So, we have to raise the money for that, and anything that will keep the cost down a little bit will help."

And you don't need to be a gardening expert to help with this initiative. SIRCH enlisted two local master gardeners to provide their knowledge and expertise.

"They're really there as a support system, no matter if you've never gardened before or you're a seasoned gardener," Paquin said.

The experts provided some tips to the growers on everything from soil preparation and indoor seed-starting to organic pest control using household items such as eggshells, baking soda, and coffee grounds. Country Rose Flowers & Garden donated a supply of GMO-free seeds, which are still available for those who sign up.

The grow-a-row initiative is open to seasonal residents as well. While many cottagers don't normally arrive until the May long weekend, Paquin said there is still plenty of time to contribute.

"Cottagers can still participate because they'll still have enough time for things you sow directly into the ground, like potatoes, carrots, and beans," she said, adding that radishes are a "satisfying" quick crop that can be harvested in just 30 days.

While the organization will accept "unregistered" donations, Paquin encourages people to officially sign up so the kitchen can estimate the volume of food arriving this fall.

"It helps us anticipate what's coming come harvest season," she said.

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SIRCH's food security coordinator Joanne Paquin. *Photo by Adam Frisk.*

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Junior highlanders

Hal High breakfast program volunteers Cynthia Handler, Pat Hicks, Barb Winn, Joyce Jones, Brenda Bain and Sara Burtch with teacher Darla Searle (back row, first left). *Photo by Mike Baker.*

Breakfast with a smile at Hal High

By Mike Baker

It's 6:45 a.m. on a Tuesday morning and Joyce Jones is on her way to Hal High to help make sure teenagers start their day in the right way.

She's one of seven volunteers assisting with the school's breakfast program. Each morning, two or three will arrive at hospitality and tourism teacher Darla Searle's kitchen around 7 a.m. to prepare hearty meals for youth.

There are quick options such as fruit, granola bars, mini muffins and parfait, but the team also prepares one hot dish every morning. Recent offerings have included bagels with cream cheese and western sandwiches. Jones said the team prepares about 50 each day and puts them out in the hall, along with the quicker grab-and-go items, for 8:30 a.m., just in time for students arriving on the bus.

Searle said the program has been running for many years, though demand has increased significantly since 2022. That's coincided with a change in program delivery – kids used to have to go inside Searle's classroom to help themselves to items, but she felt that limited numbers.

"There might be 15 or 20 kids who would come in – but I know there were a lot more who could have used a morning meal but just didn't want to be seen," Searle said.

"We wanted to take away the stigma piece. Kids don't need to feel embarrassed, but they're teenagers and if they feel someone may make fun of them… they'd rather go hungry."

Because the volunteers don't man the table, they're unsure of the number of students they're serving. Though, volunteer Brenda Bain said most of the food is gone come clean-up time.

The program is funded through Food for Kids. The organization launched in 2000 as a pilot project at Stuart Baker Elementary School and has since expanded to all County schools.

Aaron Walker, owner of McKeck's restaurant in Haliburton, is the group's lead facilitator. The non-profit gets money from the province and other resources, such as Breakfast for Learning, Breakfast Clubs of Canada and President's Choice Children Charity, but still has to fundraise annually to meet local demand.

"Children that eat breakfast demonstrate enhanced academic and behavioural patterns more so than children who do not. Many children do not have access to safe, nutritious and culturally appropriate food," Walker said in a message on the Food for Kids website.

"The outcome [from the program] is that young people of Haliburton County develop lifelong healthy eating habits, optimize their learning at school, and focus on education and not hunger," he added.

There are others who offer support, too. Community members, parents and the Minden Legion usually make generous donations, Searle said. Volunteer Pat Hicks said Haliburton Foodland also regularly donates food to the cause.

"Brad Park [Foodland owner] always helps out – if we need bagels, eggs, we know all we have to do is mention it to him and we'll have it," Hicks said.

While the program's primary focus is helping youth dealing with food insecurity at home, Searle said anyone is welcome to partake – even teachers.

She sees the program running long into the future – of the seven volunteers, five are brand new. Helpers include Jones, Hicks, Bain, Cynthia Handler, Barb Winn, Tessa Barnes and Sara Burtch.

"This is a great way to give back to the community," Searle said.

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Hoping to get lucky on the links

By Lisa Gervais

Chris Near's lease is up at Carnarvon Family Golf, and new owner, Jamie Luck, is planning a soft opening for this weekend (May 15-18) as he continues to work on the facility at the corner of Hwy. 35 and 118.

It all came about because Luck, who owns Mill House Design, was looking for a new space for his construction and landscaping business. He was interested in the Carnarvon area in particular, to erect a shop.

A Redstone Lake lad since the age of four, Luck also loves golf. He co-hosts the Highland Cup series, a competitive event that takes local golfers to out-of-town clubs. It's how he met Near. Their connection continued as Luck came to Carnarvon Family Golf to use the driving range.

Luck began looking for property in the area and, over a year ago, popped in to see how Near and the business was doing. Luck purchased the facility last April but leased it back to Near for the 2025 season.

Now, he is planning to build the shop on land adjacent to the golf centre and run it himself this year.

There's some logistics, but Luck said the plan is, "I'm going to put my shop in there with an entrance off Hwy. 35 and have a little golf club in my backyard."

It may prove to be a labour of love, but he is looking forward to getting his kids, who are eight and 11, involved. "They've been loving it out here."

Luck is renaming it the Carnarvon Golf Facility. He is planning to do work on the driving range, practice putting green, mini putt, and par three. He is in the process of acquiring some necessary equipment and doing some landscaping, which, "I have a pretty good idea of what to do." He is planning to continue with a juniors' program.

He's looking to finalize staffing, noting candidates have to be willing to work weekends and holidays.

Most of all, he's looking forward to seeing it all come together.

"I love sports. I help with the hockey leagues; I coach minor hockey. I play golf. I love golf. I run tournaments. It fits in my bucket. I would love to see more golf in this area. It's a great spot for people to just come in and have a little bit of fun."

Jamie Luck has officially taken over the newly-renamed Carnarvon Golf Facility. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Cheers to five years

The Gardens of Haliburton celebrated its fifth anniversary May 7 with an open house, live music and party treats for residents. From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. the retirement home opened its doors to the public and offered tours to potential residents while also celebrating a milestone in Haliburton.

Above: Residents take in live music during the Gardens of Haliburton 5th anniversary celebration. Right: Gardens of Haliburton staff pose for a photo with a birthday cake. From left to right: Heather Inness, office manager. Patricia Miller, director of community relations. Amanda Killaby, director of wellness. Alisha Lafleur, general manager. Sherry Switzer, maintenance manager. Hailly Hamilton, activities director. Ryan Tomlinson, food services manager. *Photos by Adam Frisk.*

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Josh Karam tees off at Delancey Sports's new high-tech golf simulator and suite in Haliburton village. *Photo by Adam Frisk.*

Fore! high-tech golf simulator opens

By Adam Frisk
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

For those in the County looking to hit the links this May long weekend but don't want to battle the bugs, Delancey Sports' new high-tech golf simulator might be just what you're looking for.

Owners Erika Mozes and Josh Karam have opened their premium, 4K golf simulator suite in the village, marking the latest milestone in their mission to create a year-round community sports hub in Haliburton.

"We bought this building at the end of 2025 with an intention of building out a full-service sports and rec facility that's available year-round for the community, and the facility is designed to include premium sporting goods from Delancey Sports, our sports-themed arcade and now our 4K premium golf simulator," Karam said.

"Really, it's a premium suite housed right in downtown Haliburton where groups of up to four people can come and play world-class courses on a world-class golf simulator."

The simulator isn't your average net and tee setup. The owners said they went "all in" on the technology to ensure a realistic experience with the simulator, adding professional-grade training and entertainment options for local golfers.

"It's meant to be accessible for your average golf enthusiasts... or your premium budding golf pro who wants to hone their skills," Karam said.

The setup features a 4,000-lumen projector that displays courses, like Augusta National and Pebble Beach, in 4K resolution. The owner explained that, unlike standard white screens, Delancey Sports uses a grey impact screen to enhance colour, clarity, and contrast. The hitting mat in the simulator suite is designed to allow players to use real wooden tees, mimicking the feel of actual grass rather than a rubber tee that's often used at driving ranges. Then there's the actual software. The simulator is running on V-track and GS pro technology, a data-driven system that allows users to really test themselves.

"So, instead of playing 18 holes, you might just be out here trying to improve your chipping or trying to improve your drive," Karam explained. "That's the beauty of the software. It can really help you elevate your game."

The simulator also provides an environment for those new to the sport to take their time and not worry about onlookers and other distractions.

"You don't have people staring at you as you're teeing off," Karam said. "You can come here, and you can just whack balls... You don't have to run after your ball in the bush."

While Delancey Sports currently offers what Karam described as golf essentials like balls, tees and gloves, the owners plan to expand this summer to include footwear and golf clubs. The simulator will then serve as a testing ground where customers can demo clubs before making a purchase.

The golf suite accommodates groups of up to four people with a flat rate of $55 per hour. Reservations can be made online at delanceysports.com, and walk-ins are welcome if the suite isn't booked.

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Left: John Davis, Kelli MacNaull, Diane Dollo, David Dollo, and Jamie Dollo. Jamie and Kelli are David and Diane's children. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.* Top right: Joe Dollo works the meat counter. Bottom right: Peter Dollo and one of his nieces in the store. *Submitted.* Inset: The store circa 1957. *Bob Lake Association.*

Dollo brothers would be proud of 70 years

By Lisa Gervais

David Dollo was 12 or 13 years old – skipping Christmas Eve mass in Kinmount – when he got a knock on the door telling him the family store on main street Minden was on fire.

It was the early 1960s and David said it took him about 15 seconds to run to Bobcaygeon Road, where a fire had started beside Dollo Brothers' oil tank.

He said the blaze eventually burned down what is today Stedmans V&S, with the heat blowing out the window of the bowling alley across the street.

Dollo Brothers IGA was spared, but heavily water damaged.

"It was a big hit to the Dollo Brothers' pocketbook," David recalled during a recent interview with *The Highlander.* They had to install a new roof, replace the wall adjacent to Stedmans, and replenish stock.

The fire is just one in a long line of memories for the Dollo family, who are celebrating 70 years in Minden Hills. An employee reunion is planned for June 13.

Brothers, Peter and Joe Dollo, followed their older sister to Haliburton County. She was in the produce business, assisted by an uncle in east York, who had a fruit market.

"It was a completely natural thing for them. They didn't know anything else," David said of the family business.

The brothers got into the industry prior to opening the IGA in 1956, operating out of where the Traditional Barber is today. They sold produce and canned goods. The two bought a wooden-paneled, six-ton truck. They went to the Ontario Food Terminal in Toronto to get their produce with a pocketful of cash, spending the night with their parents in east York. They then delivered, mainly up Hwy. 35 to the lodges.

They opened Dollo Brothers IGA Food Market on Bobcaygeon Road, where the Little Beans Café is now, 70 years ago. David said Peter and Joe helped to construct it, laying their own blocks, and opening in December 1956.

Former employee and reunion organizer, John Davis, said it was a big deal. "Suddenly, Minden had a franchise. Some of the stories I read were actually from the Lindsay papers, talking about this new store coming to Minden that was going to have cheaper prices because there was more buying power. People came to shop at the store from Fenelon Falls and Coboconk, Haliburton and north of Minden. Tourists decided they wouldn't have to buy their groceries in Toronto and bring them to Minden. That really was a huge bonus for the whole town of Minden and the County."

They eventually moved to 163 Bobcaygeon Rd. before landing at their current location along Hwy. 35.

Changes

David said there have been many changes and challenges over the years.

There was the deal his dad made with IGA, run by the Wolfe family and known as The Oshawa Group. It was a leading owner of supermarkets in Ontario until it was purchased by Empire Company Limited – owners of Sobeys - in 1998. Today's Dollo's Foodland is part of the Sobeys chain.

"The handshake deal my dad and uncle had with Ray Wolfe was gone. They now had to have a signed franchise agreement with all kinds of lettering and legal documentation," David recalled.

On the plus side, Sobeys offered "a lot more backbone, deeper pockets, so we could weather any competitive storm."

Despite being owned by a large Canadian grocery chain, David said his family has remained a part of the community – and has always preached a customer-first mentality.

"We're in our fourth generation now. The third generation is running the store. Some of our fourth generation are teenagers and a little bit older who are off to post-secondary school but coming back to work in the summer."

David took a business marketing course in college, but returned every weekend from school to work in the store. It's in the blood. David added he had the privilege of working with his cousins, from about 1958-1960 to 1975. "My uncle Joe and auntie Florence had four girls, Joan, Louise, Angie and Rose, and the youngest Joe Jr." David's sister, Marianne, also worked at the store through high school until she went off to be a nurse.

David said they couldn't have reached this milestone without the town.

"The community has been good to us. They've supported us for many years. So, it's pretty easy for us to make a decision about giving back to the community," he added of their many contributions to the Highlands.

They've gone through other challenges, such as COVID-19 and the Northeast Blackout of 2003.

With the pandemic, David talked about the restrictions that needed to be put in place. "It was very real for us… we were in the face of the public every moment of every day, and being concerned for our employees."

With the blackout, he noted Minden Hills did not lose power, but "everybody came from the city if they could get gas. Those types of mother nature things are very challenging."

Employees

David and Davis estimate there could be as many as 1,000 current and past employees.

Davis began working in the store in 1966, fresh out of high school. He met his wife of 52 years, Debi (Gough), while working at Dollo's in 1973.

"Newspapers always do things like recognize great athletes, but small businesses are really the nuts and bolts that hold the community together. It's why I wanted to organize the reunion, to bring together current and past employees and try to get as many Dollos as we can from all walks of life. I think it's really important that we recognize those contributions."

The two reminisced about packing groceries for 60 cents an hour, and pushing carts to the Gull River to load up boats. There were the Kilcoo camp shopping trips with $2-3 tips. There were lunch time visits to the bowling alley. There were staff picnics and Gull River floats.

Asked what Peter and Joe Dollo would think of the 70-year legacy and how the store is doing today, Davis said they'd be "proud as hell."

David added, "they would probably scratch their heads and say, 'oh my God, I don't know how you deal with it…"

The reunion is June 13 from 5-11 p.m. at the Minden Hills Community Centre, with food and a DJ supplied, and cash bar.

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Butts and cups litter park

By Mike Baker

Environment Haliburton's Susan Hay said there were three main items volunteers collected during a litter clean-up at Head Lake Park May 9 – cigarette butts, plastic drink containers and coffee cups.

A dozen people collected six large bags of garbage from the park in advance of Ontario's Day of Action on Litter, which happened May 12. Hay said it was an eye-opening experience for her.

"I walked through the park on Friday with a friend and I thought to myself it didn't look too bad, that there wasn't much litter. But once we got down to the lake shore and the ditches, there was a significant amount of garbage," Hay said. "In an hour, we must have picked up more than 500 cigarette butts."

With drink containers also high on the list, the Hays are calling on the provincial government to expand deposit returns in Ontario.

"It would be a win against littering – keeping billions of bottles and cans from piling up in our parks, neighbourhoods and overflowing our landfills," Susan said, noting Ontario's current recycling system only captures 43 per cent of all used beverage containers.

By establishing a deposit system, she believes those numbers could climb as high as 90 per cent.

"A recent poll by Environmental Defence found that 81 per cent of Ontarians want a deposit return system for non-alcoholic beverage containers," Susan said. "It's estimated that 1.7 billion plastic drink bottles have ended up in landfills, incinerators and the environment over the past year."

She said Ontario is one of two provinces in Canada without a comprehensive deposit return system for all drinks containers.

"As a result, we have the worst beverage container recycling rate in the country," Susan said. "We need Ontario to regulate a fair and convenient deposit return system that ensures strong environmental outcomes and prioritizes ease of use and convenient access."

While returns for alcoholic beverages have long been accepted at Beer Store locations provincewide, the closure of the Haliburton shop last November has left people in the village without a local drop-off. The closest return sites are the Beer Store locations in West Guilford and Minden.

As of Jan. 1, grocery stores across Ontario that sell booze were supposed to be ready to accept empty alcohol containers, but the province handed down an exemption, said Haliburton Foodland's Brad Park.

"It would have been a nightmare for me to try to figure out how and where to do it," Park said.

With nowhere to drop off in Haliburton, Park felt that it could open the door for one of the community's service clubs to take on collection – something he feels could be a good revenue generator. Containers one litre or less can be returned for 10 cents, with anything over one litre paying 20 cents.

Volunteers Jim Andrews, Susan Hay and Grethe Jensen picked up garbage at Head Lake Park. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

Asked if there was anything coming for Haliburton residents enabling them to dispense empties in the village, MPP Laurie Scott was noncommittal.

"The Beer Store is responsible for the Ontario Deposit Return Program for alcoholic beverages until at least 2031… they are working to add new return partner and explore locations across Ontario to join the recycling program," Scott said.

On a broader return program for all drinks containers, Scott indicated there was nothing forthcoming.

"I spoke to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks and together we continue to look for ways to improve on our recycling system and advance our circular economy. Our focus remains on keeping costs low for people and businesses," Scott said. "As we work to improve recycling rates, Ontario's existing recycling system will continue to provide a strong foundation to build on."

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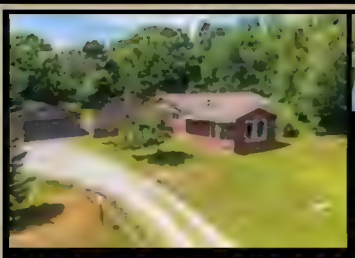

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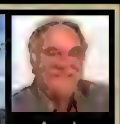

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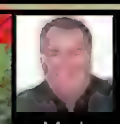

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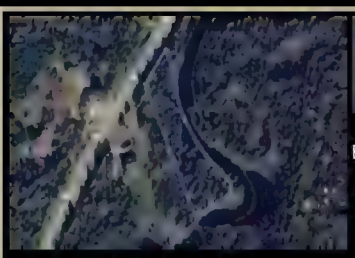

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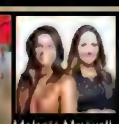

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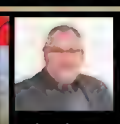

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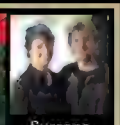

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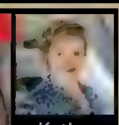

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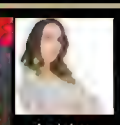

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Highlander events

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Yes, weeding can be a pleasure

By Simon Payn

One of my new gardens didn't do well last year.

Remember how hot and dry the summer was? We didn't have rain for at least six weeks.

The Pale Purple Coneflowers didn't survive. The Lanceleaf Coreopsis did, but it should have been bigger. The Black-eyed Susans flowered but looked weak and went dormant too soon. The opportunistic weeds already in the soil took their chance to germinate.

I designed this landscape to make maintenance easier later. I chose species appropriate to the site's conditions so they would thrive without needing fertilizer and planted them densely to help prevent weeds. But even the perfect design won't deliver without someone watching in the critical first year, especially in a drought.

Daylilies

I paid my first visit of the year last week to a landscape I installed last fall.

Most of my time was spent wandering, stopping and noticing.

I'd see how the plants were doing after our long, long winter. Which ones were on track, which ones were early and any that were missing in action.

I found myself saying, "oh, that's interesting," and moving on. For the most part, I didn't intervene. I just noticed and took pictures.

I saw the Daylilies that I didn't install and that were getting a little close to the planting. Daylilies are super-popular because they grow easily, fill gaps and have bright orange flowers. But they're also extremely aggressive and will take over if not kept in check. I made a note to keep an eye on them on my next visit. If they're threatening the integrity of the garden I planted, I will take action.

I had a pleasant visit to this site. Not just because it was doing well but because it was relaxing. I was simply engaging with the land, responding when necessary and stepping back when not. Unlike traditional maintenance, which can feel like a confrontation, this kind of stewardship was a conversation between me, the plants, the land and the season.

This is the role of humans in a landscape – noticing, caring, adjusting.

Goldenrod

I'm working on the septic leach bed at my home this year. It's a part-shaded site which I've pretty much ignored, except to remove anything that could damage the septic system.

Last year, it was overrun with Canada Goldenrod – a native species with bright yellow flowers that tends to be aggressive. Pollinators in fall love it…but it's a thug.

So this year I'm going to keep an eye out for it. Indeed, this weekend I noticed it had started to emerge. I want to create a diverse habitat on this site, so I need to make decisions. Do I remove the plants or keep them chopped back? Do I remove them all or leave some?

I might dig some out with a trowel, or I might use my weed whacker to cut them in half.

And despite the use of this brutal tool, this action is nothing like one-size-fits-all maintenance. It's strategic. It's surgical. My weed whacker is my scalpel.

And more importantly, dealing with my septic won't be "a project" that makes me sigh. Instead, it will be an easy walk-through once a week, making decisions and taking action. It will be early prevention rather than a cure for something that's wrong. This is the role of humans in a landscape – noticing, caring, adjusting.

This month I will be visiting another of my landscapes, watching for the summer perennials emerging and deciding when and if I need to intervene. I'll be seeing if the Beebalm is getting too big and tall, if the warm-season grasses are taking root, and if the Silverweed and Wild Strawberry I planted are covering the ground.

It will be like visiting an old friend, checking in on their wellbeing and making sure they have what they need.

Simon Payn owns Grounded, which designs, installs and cares for natural gardens and shorelines in Haliburton County. Visit groundedgardens.ca.

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Horsing around on Friyays

There were smiling faces all around – both human and equine – as Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Association relaunched its weekly Friendship Fri'YAYs meet May 8. The drop-in runs at the farm, located at 1105 Spring Valley Rd. in Minden, every Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Walkabout owner Jennifer Semach said it's open to anyone looking to make connections, integrate into the community or enjoy themselves in an inclusive environment. "Participants will have the opportunity for individual time with the horses, where they can learn basic skills such as grooming, leading, bathing and feeding." The days also feature guided nature walks and gardening tutorials. Admittance is by donation or passport funding. *(Mike Baker)*

Top: Kim Buie takes Poppy, one of Walkabout's miniature horses, for a stroll. Bottom: Lucas Mann, Carter McLellan and Jeffrey Millar with Sweet Pea. *Photos submitted.*

Highlander events

Trail talk

More than 20 people joined avid naturalist Michele Swyer for a hike at Barnum Creek Nature Reserve May 9 as the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust brought its discovery days programming back to the Highlands. Swyer taught attendees about spring wildflowers and wild leeks, showing off a variety of each springing up at the reserve, located at 1118 Gould Crossing Rd. in Haliburton. The event was partially funded by TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. Next up for HHLT is its annual Don Smith Memorial Bird Walk on May 16 at 7 a.m., taking place along the Haliburton Rail Trail. The walk will be led by bird experts Ed and Tamara Poropat. To register, visit www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca. *(Mike Baker)*

Top: Alice Unbehaun and Laurie Stevenson show off some red maple flowers they found on the forest floor at Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. Middle: Tour guide Michele Swyer points out a patch of wild leeks. Bottom: Andre Kromberg leads the way along with tour guide Swyer. *Photos by Mike Baker.*

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS
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Notice of the Adoption of Official Plan Amendment No. 18 (OPA 18) And Passing of a Zoning By-law Amendment Township of Minden Hills

Take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills held a Public Meeting on March 12, 2026, and further has adopted **OPA 18** by **By-law 26-31** and passed **By-law 26-32** on **April 30th, 2026** under provisions of Sections 17, 21 and 34 of the Planning Act, RSO, c. P. 13. The amendments apply to those lands located within Municipal Well Systems and Municipal Surface Water Systems in the Township of Minden Hills, more specifically being vulnerable areas as identified in the regional Source Protection Plan, within Minden, Lutterworth Pines and Kinmount. Please refer to the key maps.

Purpose and Effect: The amendments will introduce policies and provisions with respect to Source Water Protection as required under the Clean Water Act, 2006, and as further identified in the Trent Source Protection Plan. Official Plan policies will identify land use activities that represent significant drinking water threats and requirements to regulate those existing and future uses in accordance with the Source Protection Plan. Future significant drinking water threats are prohibited in the absence of a prescribed instrument or Section 59 Notice from the Township's Risk Management Official. Existing and future significant drinking water threats require a Risk Management Plan. Policies also serve to guide the use of sewage systems, road salt, transport pathways and stormwater management facilities. Zoning By-law regulations support the Official Plan policies and identify those uses which will require further review and approval within vulnerable areas.

In Making Their Decision, Council considered all written and oral submissions received regarding this application. The effect of written and oral submissions included revisions for minor formatting, revising wording to provide greater clarity for interpreting policies and provisions and to reflect similar language used within the governing Source Protection Plan.

A copy of the amendment and any additional information relating to the Amendments is available for inspection by contacting the undersigned.

AND TAKE NOTICE that an appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal in respect to all or part of the **Zoning By-law Amendment (By-law 26-32)** may be made by filing a notice of appeal with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills either via the Ontario Land Tribunal e-file service (first-time users will need to register for a My Ontario Account) at https://olt.gov.on.ca/e-file-service by selecting the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills as the Approval Authority or at the mailing address provided below no later than 4:30 p.m. **on June 2nd, 2026**. The filing of an appeal after 4:30 p.m., in person or electronically, will be deemed to have been received the next business day. The appeal fee of $1,100 can be paid online through e-file or by certified cheque/money order to the Minister of Finance, Province of Ontario. If you wish to appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) or request a fee reduction for an appeal, forms are available from the OLT website at www.olt.gov.on.ca. If the e-file portal is down, you can submit your appeal to adougherty@mindenhills.ca

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

AND TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with Section 17(22) of the *Planning Act*, the County of Haliburton is the approval authority of OPA 18. The adopted amendment requires approval by the County prior to coming into full force and effect. Therefore, the Zoning By-law Amendment, which is impacted by OPA 18, will only come into effect upon County approval of the Official Plan Amendment.

Any person or public body is entitled to receive notice of the decision of the County, if written request to be notified of the decision is made to the County, submitted to:

Attention: County Clerk
County of Haliburton
P.O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St.
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Dated this 13th day of May 2026
Amanda Dougherty, Manager of Planning
7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359
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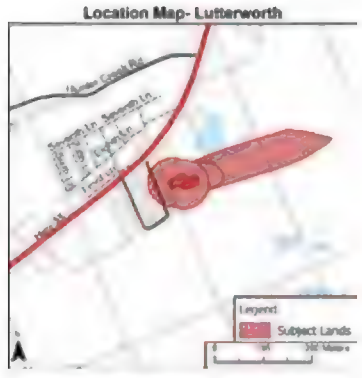

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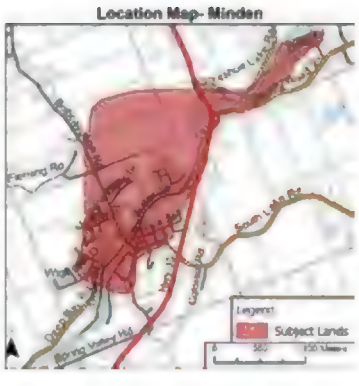

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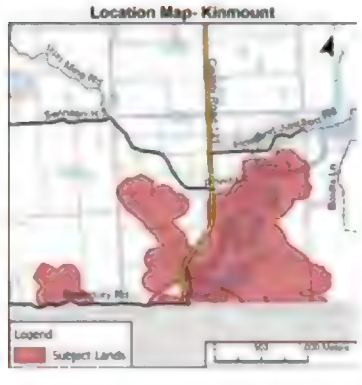

Highlander events

Discovery days at JDH

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is expanding its reach this year, moving its discovery days program from weekend workshops directly into local schools to inspire a new generation of environmental stewards. Students at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School participated in the program May 11, with an interactive presentation by Speaking of Wildlife. Students were able to get up close to several critters that call Ontario home, including turtles and a porcupine. The land trust program also visited Wilberforce earlier in the day.

Left: A student raises his hand during HHLT's discovery days program. Right: Speaking of Wildlife's Krystal Hewitt and Emma Hunt react while students look on at the start of a turtle race. *Photos by Adam Frisk.*

Brooksong smiles after cookie campaign

By Mike Baker

After selling more than 14,000 treats during smile cookie week April 27 to May 3, Haliburton and Minden Tim Hortons' owners Mike Garland and Paige Chapman said they're excited to see a chunk of the proceeds benefit Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre.

The County-based non-profit, located on the grounds of Abbey Gardens, offers in-person and online retreats and programs that executive director, Barb Smith-Morrison, said offer rest and renewal, companionship and an introduction to evidence-based practices that benefit mind, body and soul during a cancer diagnosis.

Brooksong received $28,681, with Smith-Morrison stopping by the Haliburton Tims location May 8 to accept the cheque.

It's the best smile cookie campaign since Garland and Chapman took over as owners of the two franchises three years ago. In 2024, they raised $10,322 for Volunteer Dental Outreach and in 2025 brought in more than $22,000 for area food banks.

"Our goal was to hit $25,000 this year so that we can cover one weekend retreat at Brooksong," Garland said. "Cancer is something that impacts everyone. I've had some aunts who have been diagnosed. I saw what it does to people."

Chapman added, "once we spoke to Barb and got to see what Brooksong is all about, she sold us right away. Knowing friends who have lost parents, just seeing what they went through. Their whole life unfolds. If we can do something to make someone's experience a little easier, we want to do that."

Tim Hortons staff and representatives from Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre at a cheque presentation May 8. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

Smith-Morrison said the money would be used to send several local residents to a retreat this year and launch a new monthly support group. The charity provides all its services free of charge.

There will be retreats, which span three or four days, running monthly through November. They're available to patients with a new diagnosis, their caregivers, and people at end of life. Brooksong also has online programs, a quilting group and will soon be launching a new offering for alumni – those who have benefitted from retreats in the past.

"After people come through here, they take away so much from their experience that they want to stay connected. We know how important it is to feel like you have a sense of belonging somewhere," she said.

On the new support group, Smith-Morrison said Haliburton County Development Corporation has also provided $5,000 to help get it off the ground. A first session will be held at Brooksong May 21.

Without fundraisers like this, Brooksong's executive director said it would be impossible to deliver programs for free. She estimated it costs around $2,500 to put someone through a retreat.

"We're committed to doing what we do at no cost because people going through a cancer diagnosis already have so many expenses in their lives. They may be out of work. It's a gift in such a difficult time," Smith-Morrison said.

The owners said it was a community effort, with several businesses chipping in to the record-breaking local campaign. On April 29, Sweat Social was at the Haliburton location with members doing a burpee for every smile cookie sold. Garland said the restaurant sold 1,700 cookies in four hours.

"Everybody works together for important causes like this," Chapman said.

For more information on Brooksong programming, visit brooksong.ca.

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Highlander community

Putting food on the table

The Minden District Fur Harvesters recently made separate $200 donations to the Central Food Network's Wilberforce location and the Minden Community Food Centre. President Ted Nottage said a motion was raised at the group's spring meeting to support the food banks given increasing demands. The fur trappers group was founded in 1988 and focuses on educating the public about modern, humane trapping methods and sustainable land-based industry practices. *(Mike Baker)*

Above: Minden District Fur Harvesters' president Ted Nottage presents a $200 cheque to Ken Mott, Central Food Network's food bank manager. *Photo submitted.*

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PUBLIC NOTICE: CHANGES TO THE TOWNSHIP'S FEES AND CHARGES BY-LAW

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be reviewing the Township's Fees and Charges By-law during its Regular Council Meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2026, regarding housekeeping changes to:

• Schedule A – Septic Re-inspection Program

The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

Comments or questions may be provided to the Director of Finance by Wednesday, May 27th, at 4:30 p.m.

Members of the Public wishing to **watch** the meeting can do so by **joining the live-stream link available at the top of the Agenda located on the Minden Hills CivicWeb Portal at https://mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/.**

Zach Drinkwalter
Director of Finance
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COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted in-person (Council Chambers, 7 Milne St., Minden) and with electronic participation. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

• May 14 – Regular Council Meeting
• May 28 – Regular Council Meeting
• June 11 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link.

MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE

• Join us for the season opening of the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village, and Nature's Place this Saturday, May 16 from 10 am to 4 pm. This year's opening brings together a mix of returning favourites and new themed activities to enjoy throughout the site! For a full list of activities visit. All are welcome. Admission is by donation.

• *Mute Eloquence of Light: Arctic Works* by Janet Read will be on display in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until May 23. The exhibit features abstract paintings on linen, oil and acrylic works on panel, and mixed drawing–painting pieces, inspired by the artist's experiences in the Canadian Arctic and along Greenland's west coast. The Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is by donation.

For information on all the programs and exhibits offered at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre: culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3763.

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The following Township of Minden Hills offices will be closed on May 18, 2026, to celebrate Victoria Day.

• Municipal Administration Office (7 Milne St.)
• Fire Hall Administration Office (12418 Hwy. 35)
• Minden Hills Cultural Centre (176 Bobcaygeon Rd.)
• SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena (55 Parkside St.)

All waste disposal sites will be open and will operate on Sunday hours. A reminder that summer hours are in effect for waste disposal sites (May 1 to September 30).

Our offices and facilities will resume regular hours on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

OUR FIRST HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT IS TAKING PLACE THIS MONTH

Safely dispose of your household hazardous waste at one of our Minden events:

• May 23
• July 25
• September 26

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• The Township currently has applications open to be a vendor at our Canada day celebration. Fill in the application online through the QR Code to apply or email Megan Locker, mlocker@mindenhills.ca. Help us celebrate Canada Day while also showcasing your business, organization and/or group.

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Highlander what's on

Women's dance to offer 'nostalgic reset'

By Lisa Gervais

In the spring, Haliburton's Nancy Brownsberger just wanted to dance. Perhaps it was to shake off a long winter, but most definitely to reconnect with joy.

She was aware of a growing movement of women's dance parties in larger cities and towns and began talking to Melissa Tong about what they might be able to do in the Highlands.

The two came up with The Wildwoods Women: a forest-inspired dance party for women 30 years of age and older.

The dance won't take place in a forest per se, but in Stone 21 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre June 6, with a forest-inspired aesthetic with candlelight, greenery, earthy textures, and dance floor lighting.

Brownsberger, the owner of Grow Optimism, a counselling, therapy and consulting business, has been watching the movement. Asked what she attributed it to, she said, "the world is a heavy place. We always have these conversations. Is there a way to just bring joy into our lives?"

She noticed the dances were helping women, post-pandemic, to reconnect, and "it just felt fun and celebratory."

She wanted to bring that same energy to Haliburton County.

Tong, of Nuwa Health and Wellness, was a quick ally, thinking, "if you build it, they will come.

"It's the remembering of who you were before all the restraints of things such as labels, and the idea of getting together and just dancing with your girlfriends. Playing and listening to the music from the 80s, 90s and 2000s; the nostalgia," Tong said. "To dance with your friends and other women is just a really powerful thing. It's coming together with the intention of having joy."

Melissa Tong and Nancy Brownsberger have some fun while promoting The Wildwoods Women dance party. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Asked why women only, the two said, "this sacred boundary is central to the experience, creating a container of emotional safety, collective empowerment, and uninhibited self-expression. Within this space, women are free to move without pressure, performance, or the male gaze. Safety, security and playfulness are the goals."

Importance of joy

The two said people feel helpless and stressed out. They asked themselves what they could do locally.

"We can bring change to our own little world, and I think people underestimate the importance of joy and connection," Brownberger said.

She talked about 'nostalgic reset.' It is a trending wellness practice where you intentionally consume media from your past, such as music, movies, or books from middle or high school to calm your nervous system and reduce stress. It acts as emotional regulation by triggering comfort, lowering cortisol, and providing a mental break from present-day overwhelm.

"When we're singing the music from our youth, and we're in connection with people that are sharing that collective joy, it becomes this unconscious connectivity that helps us come back to ourselves. And it's not about excluding men. It's about celebrating this specific age group of women and timeline of music of a Gen X'er or Millennial."

The two added the night is "rooted in forest energy, sisterhood, and the reclamation of feminine power. More than just a dance party, it is a heartfelt celebration of movement, memory, and magic."

They are inviting women "to dance freely, laugh loudly, sweat unapologetically, and rediscover the wild, joyful parts of themselves that too often get buried under responsibility and routine."

The event is June 6, 8 p.m. to midnight. (Doors open at 7 p.m. with raffle opportunities) at Stone 21, Pinestone. Tickets: https://TheWildwoodsWomen.eventbrite.ca
Instagram: @wild_woodswomen

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SATURDAY MAY 23	MINDEN - S.G. Nesbitt Arena 55 Parkside Street	8:00 AM to 12 noon
SATURDAY MAY 30	ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS - Maple Lake Landfill 1302 McPhail Road	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
SATURDAY JUNE 20	DYSART - Haliburton Landfill 222 Industrial Park Road	8:00 AM - 12 noon
SATURDAY JULY 4	HIGHLANDS EAST - Glamorgan Transfer Station 1070 McColl's Road, Gooderham	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
SATURDAY JULY 25	MINDEN - S.G. Nesbitt Arena 55 Parkside Street	8:00 AM to 12 noon
SATURDAY AUG. 8	ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS - Oxtongue Lake 3401 Highway 60, Dwight	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
SATURDAY AUG. 15	DYSART - Harcourt Landfill 1123 Packard Road	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
SATURDAY AUG. 22	HIGHLANDS EAST - Monmouth Landfill 19178 Hwy 118, Tory Hill	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
SATURDAY AUG. 29	ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS - Dorset Transfer Stn. 1087 Maple Ridge Drive	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
SATURDAY SEPT. 12	DYSART - West Guilford Landfill 11903 Hwy 118	8:00 AM to 12 noon
SATURDAY SEPT. 26	MINDEN - S.G. Nesbitt Arena 55 Parkside Street	8:00 AM to 12 noon
SATURDAY OCT. 17	ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS - Maple Lake Landfill 1302 McPhail Road	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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Thursday, June 18 from 1-3 pm in person

At Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre
1150 Garden Gate Drive, Haliburton

Please register by calling or emailing:

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OR

Haliburton Highlands Health Services
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What's on

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Office open 9 a.m. to noon, clubroom closed. Bridge at 1 p.m., youth dart league (ages 10-18) 6:20 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Tuesdays: Cadets after school starts at 5 p.m., meeting starts at 6 p.m. Games and cards night starting at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Darts league 7 p.m. start.
Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, Remembrance Hall. Bingo will resume in the spring.
Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month, March to December; ladies auxiliary meeting last Thursday of the month, February to November.
Fridays: Meat draw, five draws, five prize each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets are $2 per draw; fun darts at 4:30 p.m. onwards; 50/50 draw at 5 p.m., tickets are $1 and available in the clubroom.
Saturdays: Open only for special events Clubroom hours: Monday 3-6 p.m., Tues 5-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday closed.

Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden

Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Monday to Thursday** with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers' **Tuesday**.
Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner 4-7 p.m.
Saturday all day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with meat draws at 11 a.m.
Call ahead any day for take-out: 705-286-4541
Weekly activities:
Karaoke: call for dates
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week.
Monday: Euchre 1-3 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1-3 p.m., Darts 7-9 p.m. and euchre 7-9 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624 Wilberforce

Monday: open 7 to 10 p.m. Darts May 18 and 25 at 7 p.m., $5 per player.
Tuesday: closed, special events only. Exercise club May 19 and 26 at 1 p.m.
Wednesday: open 2 to 10 p.m. Darts May 20 and 27 at 2 p.m.; quick supper from 5 to 6:30 p.m.; cribbage at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday: open 2 to 10 p.m. May 28 HHHS social recreation at 10 a.m.
Friday: open 2 to 11 p.m. May 15 and 29 is fish and chips from 5 to 8 p.m.; May 22 is community care lunch at noon and wings and jam session from 5 to 8 p.m.
Saturday: open 2 to 9 p.m. May 16 Lou Moody Fishing Derby 3 to 5 p.m., karaoke 8 p.m. to midnight; May 23 is honours and awards at 11 a.m.; May 30 is trivia at 7 p.m.
Sunday: closed, special events only.

Royal Canadian Legion – Branch 566 Cardiff

Hours: Sunday and Monday 3 to 6 p.m. and **Thursday** 3 to 9 p.m.
Events: Breakfast on the first **Sunday** of each month from 9 to 11 a.m.; euchre on the second **Sunday** of each month at 12:30 p.m.
Shuffleboard every **Thursday** from 7 to 9 p.m.
Music and jam session ever second **Saturday** of the month from 1 to 4 p.m.
Everyone welcome.

EVENTS

May 14, 4:15 p.m. Those Other Movies is showing *H is for Hawk* at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. It follows the story of Hele, who reminisces about the time spent with her late father birding and exploring the natural world. Based on the book by Helen Macdonald. Amy from Royal Canadian Falconry will be there with a hawk to share information and answer questions. Tickets $10.

May 15, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Minden Health Care Auxiliary is running an end-of-season sale at the gift shop outside Hyland Crest long-term care home at 6 McPherson St. There will be clothes, purses, jewellery and more.

May 15, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friendship Fri-YAYs are back at Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Association. Swing by the farm at 1105 Spring Valley Rd. in Minden for welcoming time with horses, nature walks, arts and crafts and connection with friends, both old and new. Running every Friday through summer, weather permitting.

May 16, 7 a.m. Don Smith Memorial Bird Walk, hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. Join bird experts Ed and Tamara Poropat for a morning walk along the rail trail. Bring your binoculars or camera. Meet at the rail trail parking area at 7286 Gelert Rd. Dress for the weather – and bugs. Pre-registration required at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or 705-457-3700. Admission by donation.

May 16, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Haliburton and District Lions Club is hosting a walk for dog guides garage sale at 18 Eastern Ave. in Haliburton. There will be books, plants and lots of other items. Remember to bring your pop tabs for puppies. Walk for dog guides event taking place at the Haliburton Pet Valu May 31 at 11 a.m.

May 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bake sale at Highland Hills United Church, located at 21 Newcastle St. in Minden. Everyone welcome. Bring cooler bags for frozen pies.

May 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Season opening celebration at the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village and Nature's Place. There will be an *Alice in Wonderland*-themed hat making and decorating workshop, Victorian tea at Bowron House, early settlers games, exotic animals by Browning Reptiles and more. All are welcome.

May 16, 2 p.m. The Minden Community Food Centre and Central Food Network are joining forces for the annual Jump in the Lake challenge. This event allows participants to take the plunge from their own dock, shoreline or favourite watering hole, making it easy for anyone to get involved no matter where they are. To register visit www.foodbankshaliburtoncounty.ca/jump-in-the-lake.

May 19, 1 to 2:30 p.m. The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group presents 'apron memories' at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Cathy Bevis will present on highlights from her collection of over 200 historic and nostalgic aprons. Admission is free. All are welcome.

May 21, 7 p.m. Environment Haliburton! welcomes guest speaker David Robertson to its upcoming envirocafe, who will unpack recent extreme weather events and discuss why Ontario needs a climate plan. Register online at environmenthaliburton.org or call 705-457-9239.

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HHSS student organizers pose for a photo ahead of Friday's Relay for Life. *Submitted.*

HHSS tops goal for first Relay for Life

By Adam Frisk
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The track at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will be a hub of hope and resilience as more than 150 students, staff, and community members lace up for the school's first-ever Relay for Life in support of cancer research.

School principal, Jennifer Mills, explained that the event, which runs from noon to 7 p.m., has already proven to be a massive success with students and staff surpassing a modest first-year fundraising goal of $6,000. The school is aiming to double the original goal and hopes to hit the $12,000 target for cancer research and support.

Mills said the inspiration for the event came about last October when 25 HHSS students attended the Canadian Student Leadership Conference as spirit leaders. There, the students helped co-ordinate a relay with 500 students from across the country.

"Those students, led by Jordanna Jennings and Graham Backus, decided they wanted to run this event at our school," she said. "I am amazed at what this team of students has done to organize this important event. To see this come together and all the work they have done to make it happen is inspiring."

For the student organizers, the event extends beyond raising money, it's about the impact the disease has on the community.

"It shows how cancer affects everyone and how it's important to come together to support this cause," Jennings, a Grade 12 student who attended the leadership conference, said. It's great to see our school community be a part of something that can make an impact."

Fellow organizer Backus noted that the relay is "a great learning opportunity for students and brings more awareness to cancer, more than what most kids know about.

"It shows how much people are affected by the cause."

Outside of the relay, Mills said there's a slew of other activities students will be participating in, including a three-legged race, minute-to-win-it games, and corn hole.

The Haliburton community has also stepped up to support the cause. After an interview on MooseFM with student leaders, local businesses stepped up to provide everything from needed items to run the event, including food and prizes. Some contributors include Kawartha Dairy, Todd's Independent, Valu-mart, Foodland, along with a number of hardware stores and retailers throughout the County. Brooksong Retreat & Cancer Support Centre also provided support and guidance to the student team, Mills said.

Mills said that the school is still welcoming support from the community and any cancer survivors who wish to participate in the survivor lap or the full event are encouraged to contact the school directly.

"I hope this sets up the model for future students to use to continue to do this and help our community come together," student organizer Eric Bird said.

If you would like to donate, you can do so at relayforlife.ca/hhss.

Streep, Hathaway help launch Pride

Pride in the Highlands will kick off its 2026 season with a special showing of *The Devil Wears Prada 2* at Highlands Cinemas May 20; at 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The confectionary will be open and there will be a 50/50 draw with some additional give-aways. David Thairs, sponsorship coordinator and business community liaison, said tickets are $22.60 - available only online at prideinthehighlands.ca . Thairs added he would also be at Those Other Movies, at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, May 14 for the 4:15 p.m. show to sell tickets (cash or cards as he has Square). Thairs said they are getting close to finalizing this summer's events. There will be a trivia night, June 13, from 7-9 p.m. at the Dominion Hotel in Minden. Activities for Pride Week, Aug. 17-23, are expected to be announced soon as well.

Right: David Thairs with a poster for The *Devil Wears Prada 2. Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

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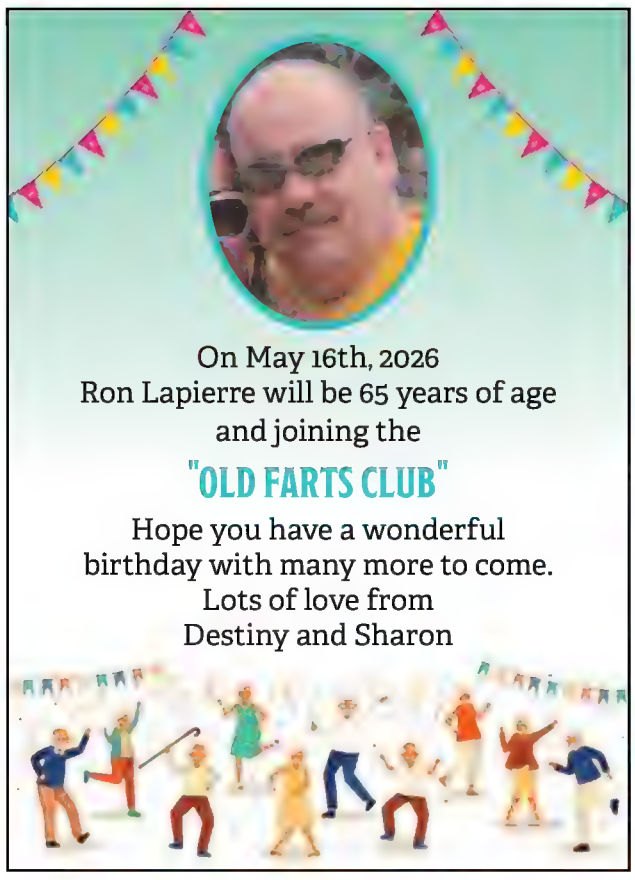

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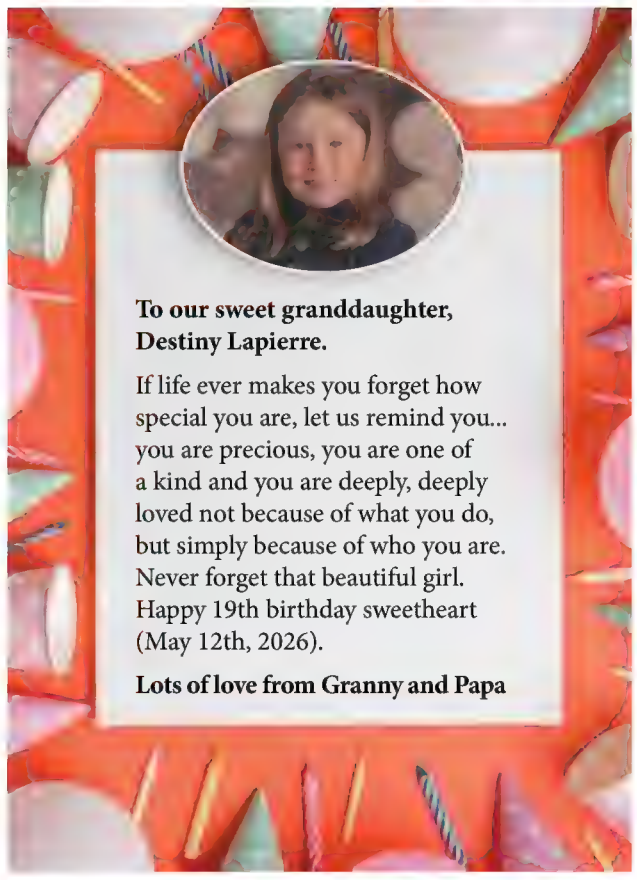

To our sweet granddaughter, Destiny Lapierre.

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Applications
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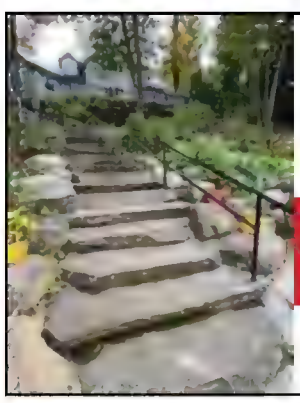

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- Respite worker will give parents/guardian of children/youth an opportunity for "a break and a chance to recharge their batteries" throughout the summer. At the same time, introduces children and youth to new experiences within our community.
- Respite will be offered in the community, at the family's home or at one of our offices.
- Create and implement individual and small group summer respite plans under the direction of the parents, Point in Time workers and Resource Coordinator.
- Programs will reflect the individual needs of the child and families and may include recreation, life skills, fine and gross motor skills, and community integration.
- Maintain daily contact notes and records.
- Support the Summer Fun Kits that will be given to families within the community.

Required:
Valid First Aid & CPR certificate; EA, PSW or ECE Diploma or college/university students with experience working with youth with developmental and behavior challenges; Up to date Vulnerable Sector Check is required; Vehicle required.

Employment Period: **June 30, 2026 – Aug 28, 2026**
Hours/Week: **35 hours**
Rate of Pay: **$18.50**

Please send cover letter and resume to HR@pointintime.ca or fax 705-457-3492 by May 22, 2026.

Point in Time is committed to building an organization that reflects the communities we work with. We encourage applications from members of Black, Indigenous, and racialized communities, LGBTQ+ communities, people with disabilities, and members of other equity seeking groups. Point in Time will provide accommodation during the recruitment process to ensure equal access to applicants with disabilities, upon the request of the applicant.

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Current Rate of Pay per CUPE Local 4416 Collective Agreement:
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Tracy Vader, HR/Payroll Coordinator
Municipality of Highlands East
P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road
Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0
E-Mail: humanresources@highlandseast.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
The Municipality of Highlands East is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants requiring accommodation are asked to contact the CAO/Treasurer.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for candidate selection purposes only. Questions about this collection should be directed to Tracy Vader, HR/Payroll Coordinator.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR (TEMPORARY PART-TIME)

Highland Hills United Church in Minden is looking for a warm and enthusiastic Church Administrator who is comfortable with technology and works well with others who will assist the minister in the daily life of the Charge and ensure office routines and responsibilities are met. This is a temporary position that is expected to run until August 31, but this timeline may need to be shortened or extended. At Highland Hills United Church, we are followers of Jesus, compassionate about our community and world conscious. The church recently became an Affirming ministry, which means that all people are welcome and affirmed, including those who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+.

Experience with Microsoft Office is essential. Basic bookkeeping skills and knowledge of Zoom meeting setup is preferred, otherwise must be willing to learn. Membership in the United Church is not required. 20 hours per week at a rate of $20 per hour, with flexible work hours. Please send cover letter and resume by email to highlandhillspc2020@gmail.com. Applications will be received until Friday, May 22, 2026. Full job description is available on our website at highlandhillspc.ca

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Haliburton that meets every Thursday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at 83 Maple Ave. Unit 7A in Haliburton Halco Plaza, behind Castle Antiques. For more information and an online version visit www.cloana.org or call 1-888-811-3887

LONG WEEKEND YARD SALES!

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE – 65 Mulholland Drive, Haliburton. Saturday, May 16th & Sunday, May 17th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cottage Canoe, Vintage household furniture, steamer truck, pressback chairs, turntable, vinyl LP's, cranberry glass, antique floral oil lamp. Lots of Nics & Nacs. Even homemade Butter Tarts

MOVING SALE – 4177 Kennisis Lake Road, Haliburton. Saturday, May 16th & Sunday, May 17th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Furniture, tools, household, antiques, fishing boat, 5th wheel trailer, men's bike, tool cabinet, pet stuff, bike racks, wedding stuff & chicken coup stuff.

YARD SALE (Indoor) – 1039 Busy Road, Algonquin Highlands. Saturday, May 16th from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain or Shine! Vintage items & Antique items, tools, kitchenware.

YARD SALE – 27 Sancayne Street (off Halbium) Saturday, May 16th & Sunday, May 17th from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. Rain or Shine! Lots of bargains, something for everyone.

YARD / STREET SALE – Mistivale Road & Hyacinth, Minden, follow the Pink & White signs. Saturday, May 16th from 9 a/m. To 3 p.m Something for everyone.

ESTATE YARD SALE – 2574 Haliburton Lake Road, Eagle Lake. Saturday, May 23rd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lamps, dishes, small appliances, many other items. Cash only – no debit.

FAMILY YARD SALE – 4687 County Road 21, Haliburton. Saturday, May 16th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Furniture, clothing, toys, games, household items & more.

MOVING SALE – 421 Mountain Street, Haliburton. Saturday, May 16th & Sunday, May 17th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vintage German Display Cabinet with lots of storage, round quarter sawn oak table, press back chairs, drapery panels, small lamps, some clothing, shoes, handbags, glassware, collectibles, rubber stamps & tools, bird feeder, battery operated weed eater, pet carriers, miscellaneous stuff.

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE – 4003 Deep Bay Road, Minden. Saturday, May 16th & Sunday, May 17th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tools, crafts, hunting stuff, dishes and lots more!

HUGE YARD SALE – Everything must go! Hunter Creek Estate / Fourth Lane, Minden. Saturday, May 16th & Sunday, May 17th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sale will continue daily until items are gone. We have something for everyone! Electronics, computers, laptops, plus a wide variety of phone accessories (chargers, cases & more) Fishing rods, tackle, two sets of golf clubs (Brand Name). High quality clothes, footwear, accessories, fashion jewelry. Household items, kitchenware, décor & various home essentials.

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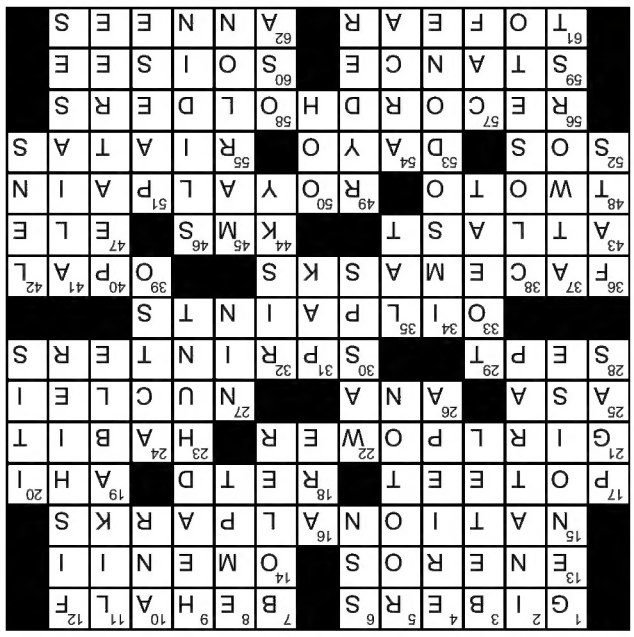

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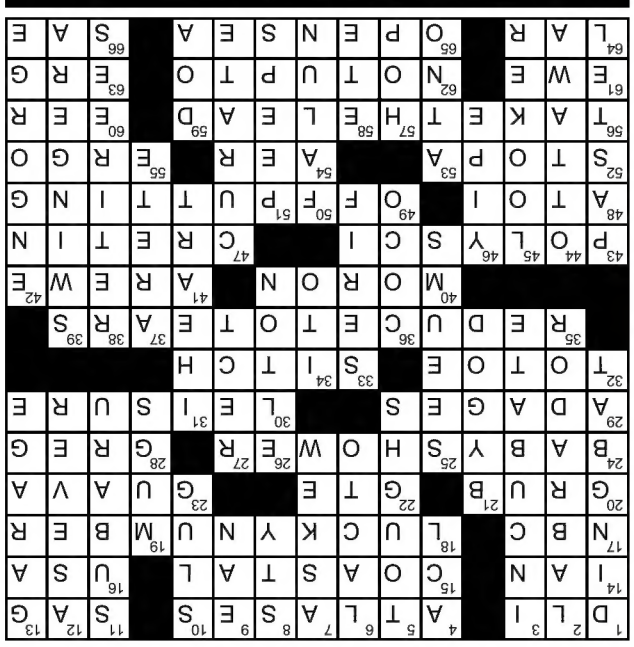

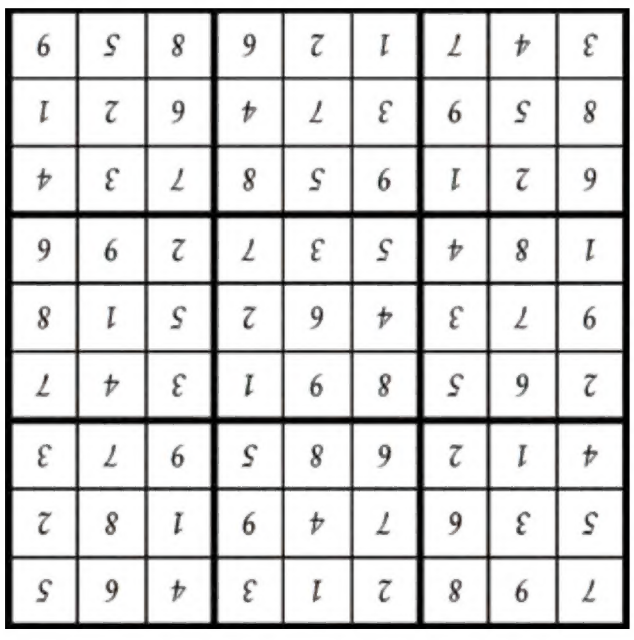

OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of

Edward "Fast Eddie" Sidney Burke

(Retired from the Canadian Armed Forces at the rank of Sgt and was a former jail guard with the local OPP)

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, December 27, 2025 with his loving wife by his side in his 86th year.

Beloved husband and friend of Sheila Arlene Burke (nee Watt) for 52 years. Dear son of the late Hugh and Edna (nee Watson) Burke. Loving brother of twin sisters, Phyllis (Lucien) Douville and Eunice Burke (the late Rod Leach). Fondly remembered by his nieces; Paulette (Todd) Francoeur, Denise Douville (Mark Johns), Michelle (Garett) Keirns, by his nephew Will Richardson and also by their families.

In keeping with Ed's wishes, a Legion Memorial Service to Celebrate his Life will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 12:00 o'clock noon. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. An Interment at the Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton to follow.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

In Loving Memory of

Anne-Marie Borthwick

Anne-Marie Borthwick passed away peacefully on April 20th at the Haliburton Highlands Hospital after a short illness. She was active until just before she entered the hospital, and she retained her sense of humour to the end.

She is survived by her sister Charlot, her brother-in-law Rob, her niece Jessica, her nephew Adrian, her relatives in Finland, her long-time friend Mila, Robert, and her many other Haliburton friends, and by her cat Esmeralda von Nope.

Anne-Marie could see the everyday beauty, and humour in life that most of us miss. Lucky for us, she also had a gift with words, and wit that she used to share her colourful views. To be in her company was always memorable. An adventurous soul, she seized opportunities to maximize the joy, and curiosity of living, like swimming in the rain, coffee at sunrise, deep conversations, and searching for treasures in thrift stores. Her family will remember her as fun-loving, and exciting sister, and auntie who always gave the best hugs. She was devoted to her parents, and, in later years, cherished trips with her mother.

The friendships Anne-Marie built in the Haliburton community were important to her. She always spoke highly of her friends, including Peter and Margaret, Ellie and Dave, Godfrey and Jean, and many others.

Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Anne-Marie's life will take place later in the summer; details to be announced on www.communityfuneralhomes.com. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Anne-Marie's memory can be made to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**, 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 (705) 457-9209.

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for
Bradley (Brad) McKnight

When: June 13, 2026
Where: Kinmount Legion
Time: 1 PM to 5 PM

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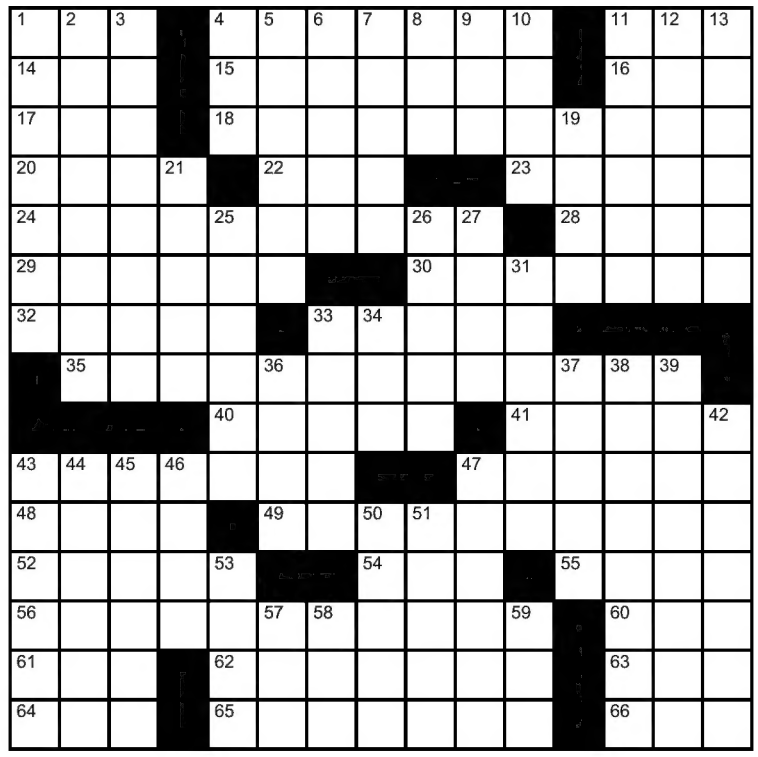

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1 Old Roman 551
4 Geography class books
11 Droop
14 Bond creator Fleming
15 Along the sea shore
16 IIHF team beaten by Canada, 2024
17 "The Office" network
18 Fortunate anesthesiologist?
20 Pub ___ (eats with a pint)
22 Onetime AT&T rival
23 Exotic juice ingredient
24 Proud new parent?
28 "Brady Bunch" boy
29 "Look before you leap," et al.
30 R'n'r
32 From head ___
33 State of affairs, slangily
35 Make distressed, as jeans?
40 Far from a "Jeopardy!" contestant
41 "___ on the same page?"
43 Study of gov't.
47 Half-wit
48 Yves' "yours"
49 No longer into mini golf?
52 "... face that would ___ clock"
54 ___ Lingus (carrier to Dublin)
55 Start to a conclusion
56 Carry out a heist at a graphite mine?
60 Eternally, in poems
61 Dolly, for one
62 Incapable of
63 "Work" prefix
64 "Curb Your Enthusiasm" nickname
65 Briny beyond the harbour
66 RSVP encl.

Down

1 Archie's epithet for Edith
2 Partner of Newfoundland
3 Develop, as an egg
4 "Torn" body part, for short
5 Stays strong, with "it out"
6 Prefix meaning "milk"
7 Cockeyed
8 Slop house?
9 Suffix with Caesar or Jacob
10 Punch you can't drink
11 Forester car maker
12 "Yours truly" alternative
13 Teen band's "studio"
19 Brewpub vessels
21 "So help me!"
25 No-___ (tiny biters)
26 John with over 1000 pairs of glasses
27 Domino shape: Abbr.
31 Words before "Radio" or "Media"
33 Arial font's lack
34 O.J. trial judge
36 2017 Pixar film set in Mexico
37 Alpine ridge
38 Gold watch recipients, maybe
39 Big Band music's peak
42 Fill with fluid
43 Medium for Degas
44 Canada's "city that fun forgot"
45 Real hottie
46 "Crickey!"
47 Be an exhibition-ist?
50 ___ Gong (Chinese spiritual practice)
51 One's tight buds
53 8, for oxygen: Abbr.
57 '50s teen dance
58 Juin à septembre
59 Vancouver hardcore punk band

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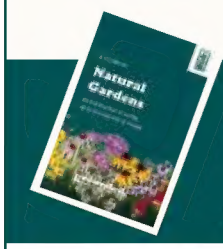

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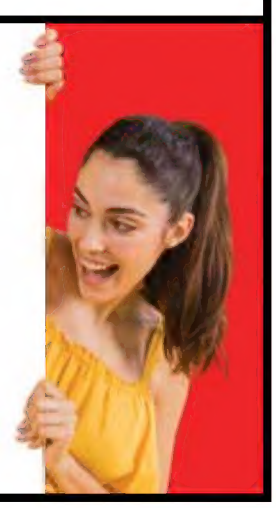

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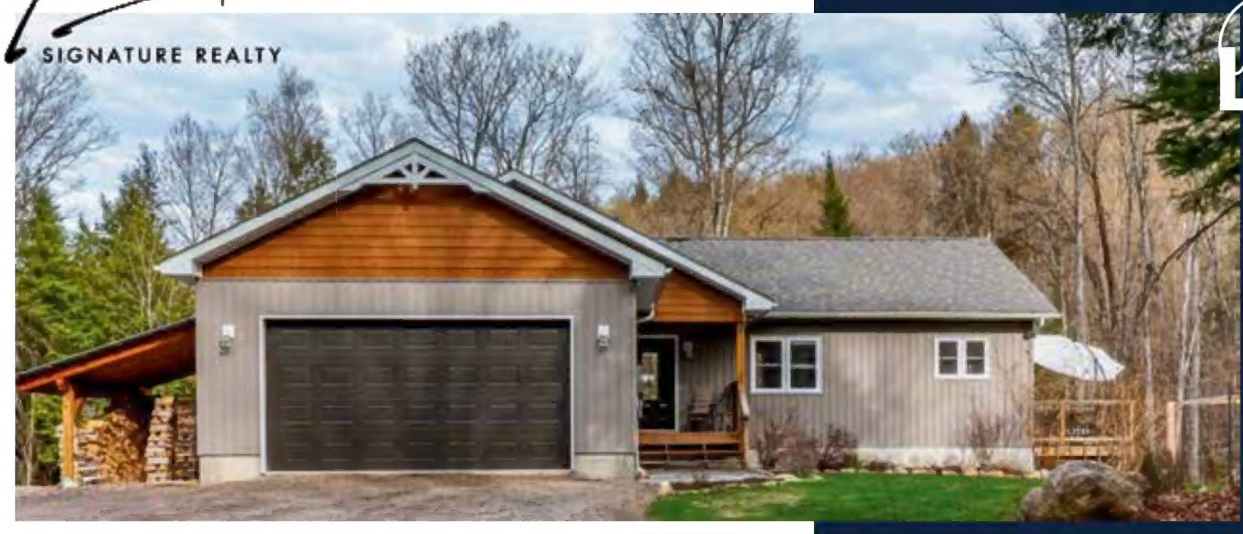

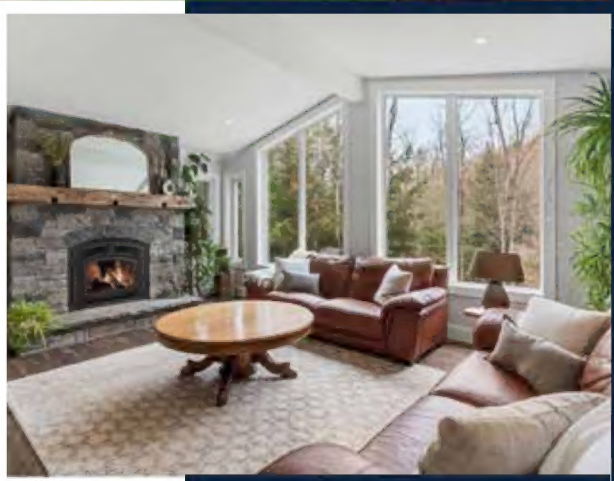

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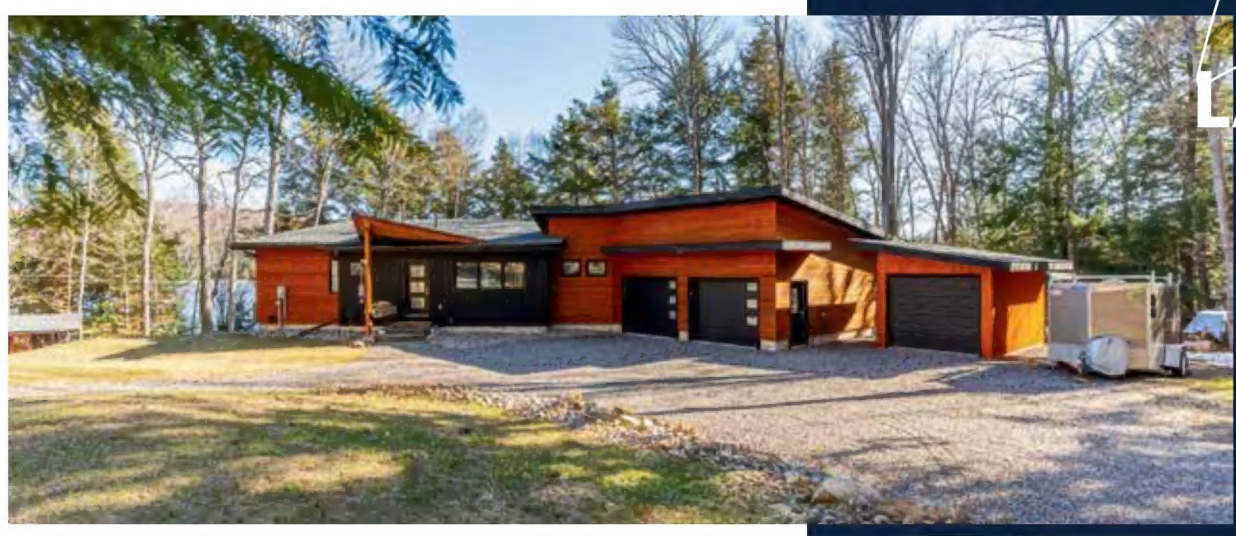

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